



Gunnard G15 & G20 Tree Stands

Instructions for Assembly and Use

GENERAL INFORMATION

This manual will assist you in assembling, operating, and maintaining the *Gunnard G15 and G20 Christmas Tree Stands*. Read it carefully, as it furnishes information and instructions that will help you achieve years of dependable performance.

PARTS LIST

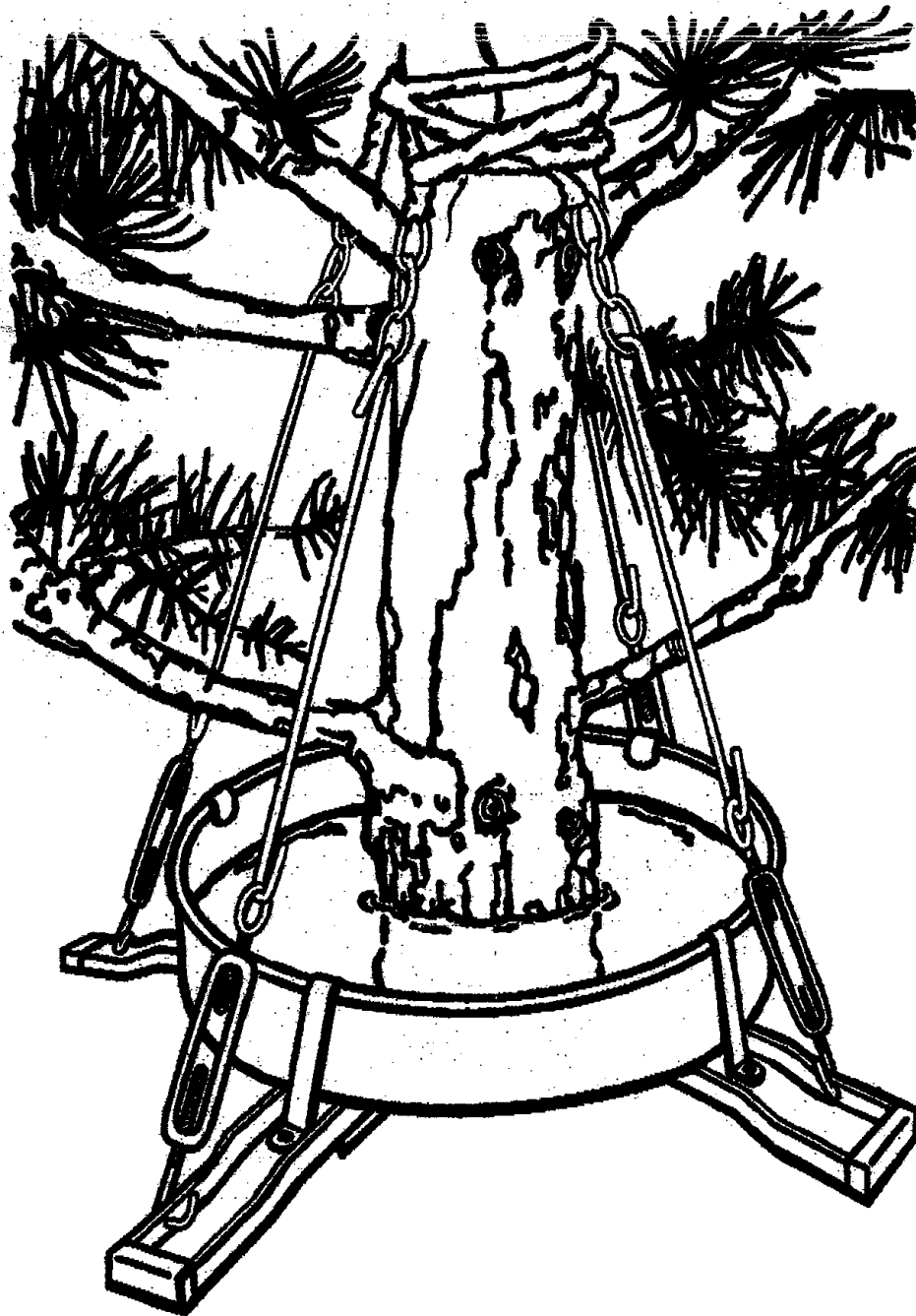
The contents of your *Gunnard G25 Tree Stand* are as follows:

1 Pan Assembly with Base	4 Guy Rods	1 Set of Instructions
4 Rope Collars w/Chains	4 Turnbuckles	

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

1.	Lay the tree down with the butt raised for easier working. Select a group of branches about 26 to 32 inches above the butt of the tree for the rope collar.
2.	At least ½ inch of the tree butt must be cut off so that the tree can drink water. Measure for the cut so that the group of branches selected in Step 1 are at least 26" but not more than 32" above the cut point.
3.	Position the Pan with Base onto the butt of the tree. Hold a small block of wood (2x4) in place on the bottom of the Pan and gently tap it with a hammer until the Pan is fully seated on the butt of the tree.
4.	Position the four Rope Collars around the trunk above the selected branches. Do this by wrapping each rope around the trunk and threading the chain and excess rope through each open rope eye. Adjust each collar so that one chain hangs down lining up with each leg.
5.	(A) Attach one Guy Rod to each chain. (B) Fully extend the round end of each Turnbuckle and hook one round end to each Guy Rod. (C) Fully remove the hook end of each Turnbuckle and attach them to the holes at the outer ends of the legs of the Base. Screw the hook ends a few turns back into the turnbuckle bodies. (D) Adjust the Guy Rods to fit an appropriate link of chain, taking up most of the slack in each guy assembly (rope, chain and rod). (E) Turn the Turnbuckles clockwise to tighten, adjusting all four Turnbuckles to secure the stand to the tree, in what will be near vertical position when you stand the tree up.
6.	With a helper, stand the tree up making sure to hold on the the pan and the tree. USE EXTREME CAUTION. TOO MUCH STRAIN WILL CAUSE THE TREE TO BE PULLED OFF THE CENTERING SPIKES.
7.	If the tree leans to one side, loosen the Turnbuckle on that side and tighten the one on the opposite side. TIGHTEN TURNBUCKLES ONLY BY HAND – DO NOT USE TOOLS. The tree stand may bend or break if you overtighten the Turnbuckles.
8.	Keep the water level above the base of the tree stump at all times. If the level drops below the stump it may seal over with pitch and stop taking up water. Then a fresh cut in the base of the tree would be required. Filling the pan once a day should be adequate.

CAUTION: To prevent damage – Adjust the Turnbuckles by hand only. USE NO TOOLS. The tree can only be straightened by first loosening the Turnbuckle on one side and then taking up the slack by tightening the Turnbuckle on the opposite side -- by hand only. If this procedure is followed, the tree stand will not break and no excess pressure will be applied.



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